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March 10, 2021

## **BY ECF**

Honorable Lorna G. Schofield United States District Court for the Southern District of New York New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Esaahn Hough, 19 Cr. 873 (LGS)

Dear Judge Schofield:

The Government writes, on behalf of the parties, to request that the Court adjourn the conference currently scheduled for March 11, 2021, at 11:45 a.m. for approximately 45 days and to respectfully request that the Court exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(1)(A), until the date of the next conference. Defense counsel consents to this request.

On March 8, 2021, the Government sent defense counsel a formal written plea offer to resolve this case. Defense counsel and the defendant require additional time to consider the Government's offer. Accordingly, the Government submits that the ends of justice served by an exclusion of time until the date of the next conference outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, because such an exclusion will allow the parties time to continue plea discussions and will otherwise allow the defendant and his counsel time to prepare for trial.

Application Granted. The status conference currently scheduled for March 11, 2021, is adjourned to **April 29, 2021, at 10:50 a.m**. For the reasons stated above, the Court finds that the ends of justice served by excluding the time between today and April 29, 2021, outweigh the best interests of the public and the Defendant in a speedy trial as provided in 18 U.S.C. 3161(h)(7) (A). It is hereby ORDERED that the time between today and April 29, 2021, is excluded. The Clerk of the Court is directed to terminate the letter motion at docket number 46.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 10, 2021 New York, New York

Lorna G. Schofield

United States District Judge